

## Monthly Postal Reports.

A postal report of the month's doings of each class or congregation is solicited.  
From Ohio and Indiana, for the second issue of each month; From Illiokota, Kanemorado and California districts for the third issue of each month; From Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania for the fourth issue of each month.  
Express thoughts for this department just as you would if they were to be telegraphed. If you have only little to say, express that little in the fewest possible words.

## NEWTON, KANSAS.

DEC. 29th, 1893.—I closed a series of meetings with the class near South Haven, Sumner co., Kansas. Dec. 28th, with nine additions by baptism restored, and four confessions, two of whom are applicants for church fellowship. Praise God for his goodness.

JACOB W. BEER.

Nickerson, Kan.

## DAYTON, O.

DEC. 20, '93.—Sunday, Dec. 17th, Brother S. Mikesell, of Troy, Ohio, preached two excellent sermons. Thus far the Lord is blessing the cause under the supervision of Elder J. M. Rittgers. The young people's meeting preceding the service is well attended. Many thanks, Brother Mikesell. Fraternally,

S. KIEHL

## TROY, OHIO.

DECEMBER, 29, 1893.—We are having a glorious revival at this place. The people are fully aroused and the religious influence is being felt for miles around. And many inquiries are being made about this Bible alone doctrine. We contemplate a grand ingathering here. Pray for us. Eight have already made the good confession and we have had a grand baptismal meeting. More to follow.

J. M. RITTGERS.

## DOWAGIAC, MICH.

DECEMBER 30, '93.—Began a protracted meeting in Bro. Clark's congregation the 26th, with small attendance. Three protracted meetings are being held in adjacent churches. Our congregation has grown, and last night we had a large crowd. The spirit troubled the waters. I go to New Troy to fill my appointment and begin again here on Monday. Your prayers for Michigan.

E. E. HASKINS.

## FROM CONEMAUGH, PA.

DEC. 25, 1893.—DEAR EVANGELIST. The Christmas exercises of the Conemaugh Sabbath school were even above a success. The little people and their parents and friends numbering about five hundred were treated bountifully.

Our pastor, Brother J. C. Mackey, his wife and their son, little Herbert, was not forgotten. Sister Minnie Gochnour in a few well selected sentences in behalf of his Bible class and friends, presented Bro. Mackey

with a fine, handsome, Oxford Bible. In response, Bro. Mackey said, "that as he accepted the elegant and sacred gift he added another to the many tokens of regard and affection he had received from the young people of the church and their friends."

L. HILDERBRAND

## ANKENYTOWN, OHIO.

DECEMBER 28, '93. December report.—Four sermons. Four Sunday school sessions. Four prayer-meetings. After a very interesting sermon Sunday 10th, from Heb. x, 4, on the qualifications, responsibility and duty of ministers, H. M. Oberholtzer was ordained to the ministry by prayer and laying on of hands.

This young brother was baptized during I. D. Bowman's camp meeting at Butler, O.

Our Sunday school closed last Sunday to be reorganized the third Sunday in March, '94.

"Temptation" is the subject for our prayer meeting to-night. The good sisters have been going from house to house making garments for the needy, both in and out of the Brethren church. They have completed their combination quilt, which is worth \$42.70. It will be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds donated to the church.

ISAAC LEEDY.

## BELLEVILLE, KAN.

Dear Editors: I thought perhaps it would not be amiss for me to write a few lines for your paper which has been a visitor to our home for the last six or eight months, the more I read it the more I like it and owing to the sickness and confinement to the house of our son for the last seven months I have found the EVANGELIST as well as the MESSENGER a source of great comfort to me as I haven't had the privilege of attending preaching and Sabbath school very much.

Well one object of my intruding on your columns was to tell you of the happy surprise we had last week by the coming among us of Bro. M. M. Eshelman, in fact the whole community rejoiced to see his smiling countenance once more. He being Elder so long of the Belleville congregation caused us to become very much attached to him. We think he has changed some but find his zeal as strong as ever. He has many warm friends at this place which was manifested by the big crowd that came out to hear him preach on last Friday evening (the 8th inst) his subject was "Love" which was very appropriate for the occasion, those that did not come out to hear him missed something.

LOUISA J. WILLIAMS.

## ALVORDTON, OHIO.

Dear Editor: I have been attending protracted meeting for the last 8 weeks, and feel glad that I am enjoying good health this winter. Last year I was at church once. How thankful we ought to be for good health.

I have attended meetings with the United Brethren people. Our Brethren church is 4½ miles away. Our elder, D. M. Rittenhouse, is in Kansas this winter. Oh, how I wish that some Bro. would come this way and preach for us! We can see by looking around that there is a great work to be done. I wish these words could sink deep in the hearts of the unsaved, "if we neglect so great a salvation how shall we escape."

I always want to be found a willing worker for my Lord and Master. The Book says, "That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess." Oh Lord help us to confess thee here as our Saviour.

Pray for us in this part of God's vineyard, and may God bless you is my prayer.

M. C. HICKOK.

## Correspondence.

## FROM MT. VERNON CHURCH, PENN

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Your correspondent has been silent for a long time, but not silent as a worker for the cause of Christ. How I love to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Since I last wrote, I have been trying to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to the people. There is nothing that I enjoy better than to break the bread of life, to a dying people. It makes us feel sad, when we go into certain congregations, and see young Brethren, that are fully qualified to fill the pulpit, held back because they might become proficient in the work of the ministry.

When you find one in your church that thinks and knows that he is called to preach the Gospel, don't try to discourage him, but give him the encouragement that he should have, hold him up at a throne of grace. Give him your prayers, for in so doing you are adding stars to your eternal crown. If you do not hold them up and encourage them, you stand in the way of sinners, and are holding back God's chosen vessels, who are to stand on the walls of Zion, to proclaim the everlasting Gospel. I give the young Brethren and sisters a chance to preach the Gospel. Don't think that the first time that they get up before an audience, that they can do as well as some, or most of our old and experienced can. Did you not know that Dr. Talmage, H. W. Bucher, and C. H. Spurgeon were condemned before the students? After they had completed their Theological course, the president of the college told them not to follow preaching the Gospel, for they would never make a success of it. They did not heed the discouragement, but went forth to preach the Gospel. Were they successful? Yes. Why? Because they were called of God. When Christ came to his disciples, who were fishermen, he told them to follow him, and he would make them fishers of men, and they went. So it is to day.

When God calls us to preach the Gospel, we must heed the call, and go forth. "Behold the harvest is great, and the laborers are few."

God will hold you accountable in the day of judgment, if you hold any one back from the ministry. Don't tie your pastor's hands, but let him ordain all such that feel and know that it is their duty to preach the Gospel. We know of several congregations who are doing this. Let me say, don't do this. Study your Bible, and pray more earnestly for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

Fraternally,

J. M. RITTER.

Kecksburg, Pa., Dec. 15.

## BETHEL SANTHAL MISSION.

DEAR MR. HARRISON:—Thank you heartily for the M. O., for eleven dollars three cents, for the Lord's work. It came at a time when I was hard up. I need every month Rs. 600-0-0 and this month I have only Rs. 400 to divide among all the workers; beside, I need badly, two tents for our preachers, they are coming in a day or two with a bill for Rs. 120 and my pocket is empty. But money or no money, the Lord is always here. He is a good deal better, than a big bag of gold. Praise his name! He careth for us. Last evening I returned from visiting our 2nd and 3rd station, viz., Bethany and Bethlehem. Our people are all alive and busy, and preparing to go out into camp. 1st, Camp will move from 20 miles east south; 2nd, Camp will go from twenty-five miles north, and move west. 3rd, Camp will go from here and move N. W. and S. E. Yes the country is large and the workers few. However God helps. Pray for them.

During October, eight persons were baptized on their profession of faith in Christ. More to follow on next Sunday.

The sick are daily attended at our twelve dispensaries and five hospitals. If you could see the amount of suffering we sent away in one month, you would thank God, and take courage.

We pray and work and expect 5,000 converts. May the Lord say, Amen, and give them speedily, with 5,000 to keep them company. It will never do, for us to go to heaven, and leave the multitude to perish. Now all that love the Lord Jesus, should give a helping hand in his work. The Master deserves all we can do for Him. With love.

A. HAEGERT.

P. S.—Pray next time you wish to send us any M. O., or Check, make it payable on London. It will be better for us.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

In EVANGELIST, No. 45, in Statisticians report of Illiokota district, Bijou Hills, S. Dak. charge is represented as paying nothing to their pastor. As we do not wish to go on